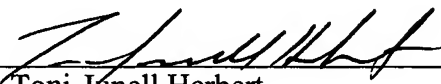


REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter these amendments prior to examining the application on its merits.

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